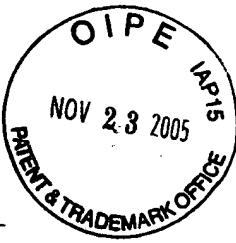


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Case No. 4865-133 (202WB036)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas D. Nixon, et al.

Serial No: 10/693,425

Examiner: Group, Karl E.

Filed: October 24, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1755

For: BORON CARBIDE BASED
CERAMIC MATRIX
COMPOSITES

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to Office Action dated June 24, 2005 for a period of 1 month(s).

Applicants:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
 other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$120 for the Petition fee.
- Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 23, 2005



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